

Dear Commissioners,

I must express my great distress that the FCC is considering allowing broadcasters to control how I view or use digital television signals in my own home. The wish for copyright industries to control and require payment for every conceivable viewing of programs that have, up to this point, been made available to the public, has no place in a free society governed by people. If we are to be governed by corporations, with a tollbooth between every TV and pair of eyes and ears, then would you please excuse yourselves and simply install corporate copyright owners in your places? Let us at least be honest about who is really in charge.

I understand that you are under great pressure to allow corporations to control everything I see, and that they have issued threats and ultimatums to cease all HDTV broadcasts unless their every wish is granted. I ask the commissioners to call their bluff in the name of a free and open information society.

Thank you very much,
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